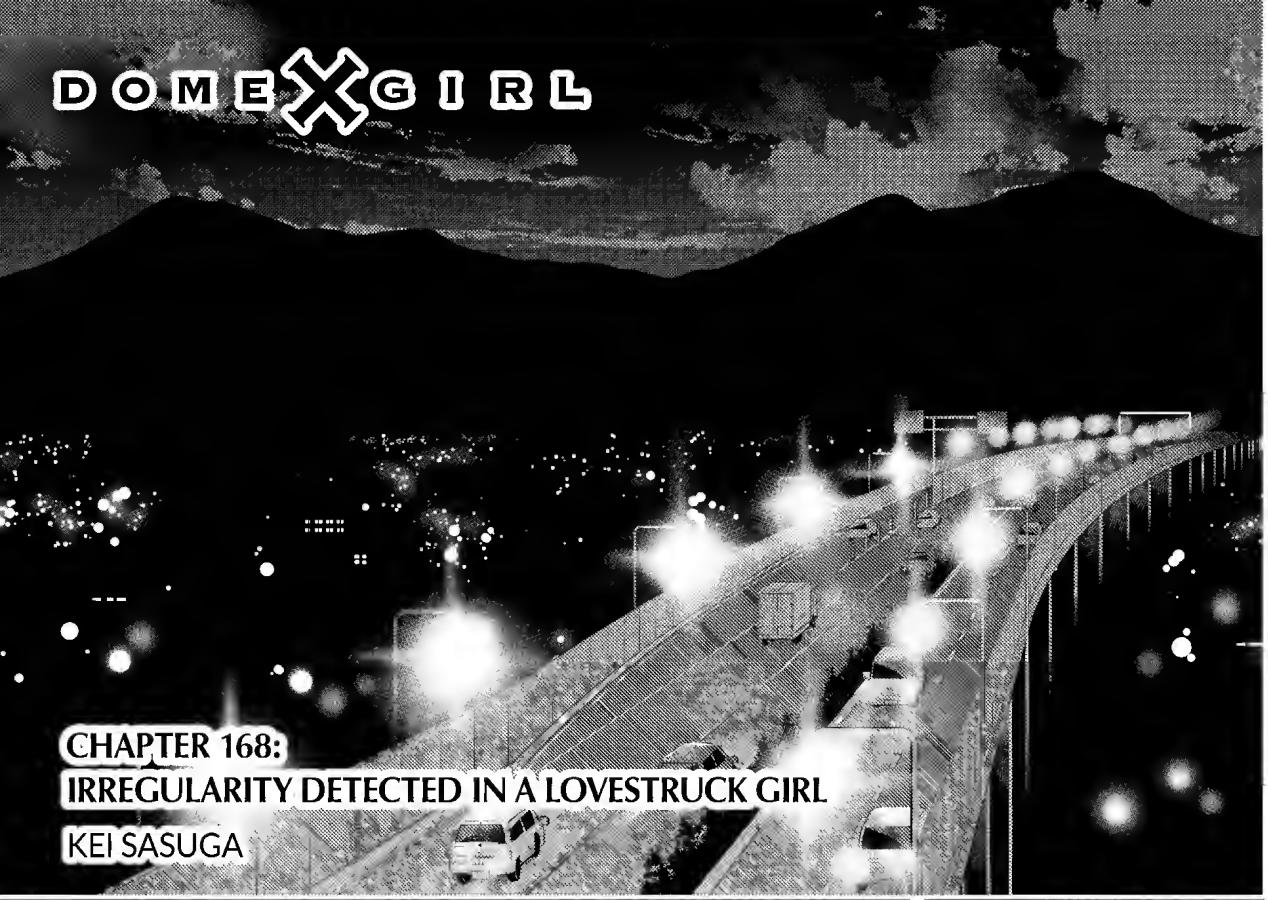
Domestic Girlfriend

KODANSHA COMICS

CHAPTER 168

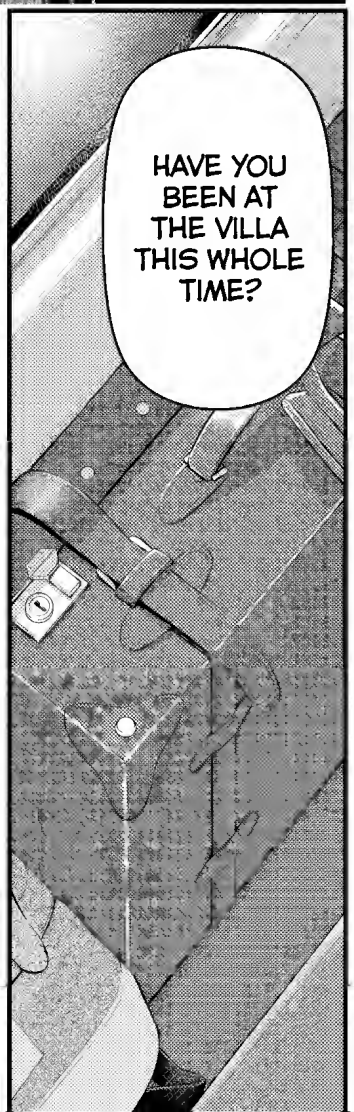
KEI SASUGA



CHAPTER 168: IRREGULARITY DETECTED IN A LOVESTRUCK GIRL

KEI SASUGA

I GOT SOME HELP FROM THE COUPLE THAT MAINTAINS THE GROUNDS.
WHAT'D YOU DO ABOUT FOOD?
YEAH.
I WANTED TO GO SOMEPLACE QUIET WHERE I COULD CALM DOWN AND COLLECT MY THOUGHTS.



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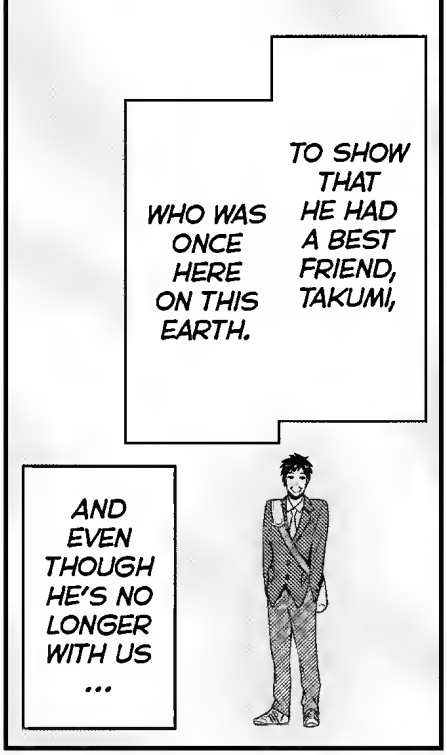
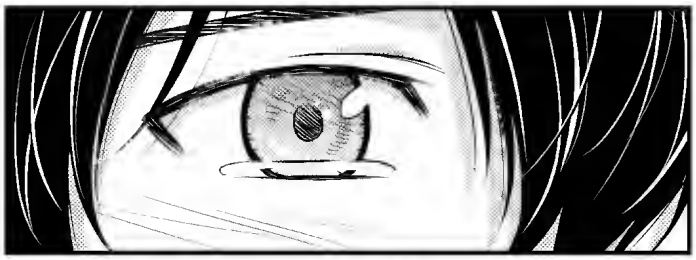
SINCE WHEN DO YOU TWO JUST TALK TO EACH OTHER NORMALLY?
HUH?
GOOD THING KUSANAGI-SAN DECIDED TO STAY IN FORESTER, HUH?
NOW YOU TWO CAN STILL COME TO CLUB TOGETHER.
YEAH.
WE ALWAYS TALK LIKE THIS. I MEAN, WE MIGHT'VE BUTTED HEADS DURING THE TRAINING CAMP, BUT...
YU-
YUKA!
HIYAMA-SEMPAI.
WILL YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND?
WHAT WAS HE LIKE?
...
WHAT WAS HE LIKE?
KUSANAGI...
IT'S OKAY, RYU. I'M FINE.

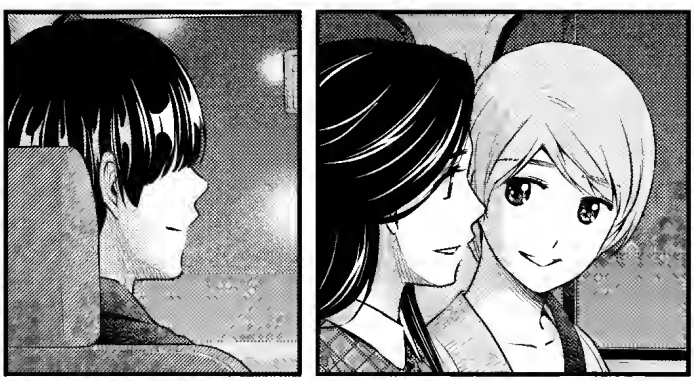
HIS NAME WAS TAKUMI.
HE WAS A FUNNY GUY.
ONE TIME, HE TRIED TO SEE HOW MANY BEANS HE COULD FIT IN HIS NOSE AND HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
ANOTHER TIME, HE SAID HE WAS GONNA EAT AN ENTIRE ICE CREAM CONE IN TEN SECONDS, THEN DROPPED IT BEFORE HE COULD TAKE A BITE.
AND THEN ONE TIME, HE WAS PRETENDING TO BE A WITCH, SO HE JUMPED OFF A DESK STRADDLING A BROOM AND OBLITERATED HIS NUTS.
I'M NOT SURE IF I'D CALL HIM FUNNY, OR JUST STUPID.

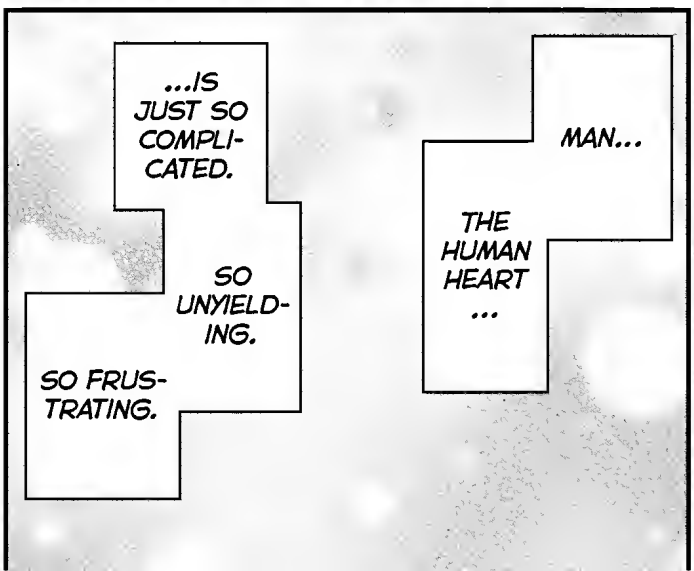
WHENEVER WE SHOT OFF FIREWORKS, HE'D LIGHT SPARKLERS BETWEEN HIS BUTT CHEEKS AND CALL IT A "GAS EXPLOSION." YOU MIGHT'VE LIKED HIM, RYU.
THAT'S A CLASSIC FIREWORKS PASTIME. SOUNDS LIKE MY KIND OF GUY.
NO, IT'S NOT! THAT'S SUPER DANGEROUS!


AND EVEN THOUGH HE'S NO LONGER WITH US ...
WHO WAS ONCE HERE ON THIS EARTH.
TO SHOW THAT HE HAD A BEST FRIEND, TAKUMI,

...HIYAMA-SEMPAI WAS TRYING TO SHOW US THAT HIS FRIEND WAS REAL THROUGH HIS WORDS.
IT WAS ALMOST AS IF...





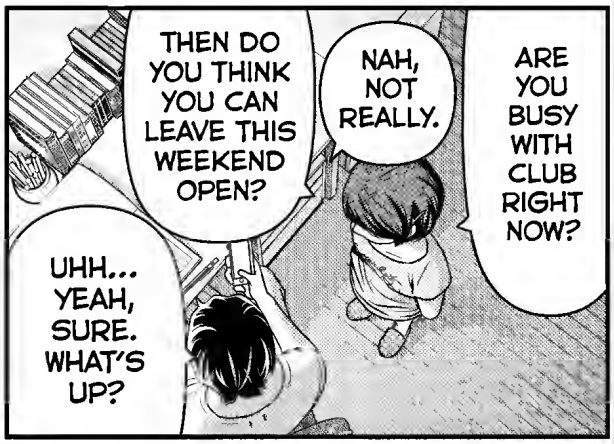

...IS JUST SO COMPLI-CATED.
SO UNYIELD-ING.
SO FRUS-TRATING.
MAN...
THE HUMAN HEART ...

...HE STILL LIVES ON...
...IN HIYAMA-SEMPAI'S HEART.

BUT WHAT I WANT TO CONVEY WITH MY WRITING ...
WHAT I WANT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF...
I WAS SO CAUGHT UP IN WHAT MIGHT SELL THAT I LOST SIGHT OF IT.
IT'S NOT AS IF SALES DON'T MATTER...
HEY, KUSA-NAGI-SAN.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
SO BEAU-TIFUL!
...ARE THESE ...
...NUANCES OF THE HEART!
KNOCK KNOCK
FLAP

I HAD TO TAKE A TRIP OUT OF TOWN TO DEAL WITH SOME CLUB TROUBLE.
OH, I SEE.
SOUNDS ROUGH.

WEL-COME BACK.
YOU'RE SURE HOME LATE.
RUI!


ARE YOU BUSY WITH CLUB RIGHT NOW?
NAH, NOT REALLY.
THEN DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LEAVE THIS WEEKEND OPEN?
UHH... YEAH, SURE. WHAT'S UP?

OH, RIGHT.
SURE THING.

WOULD SATURDAY WORK BETTER?
WE CAN MAKE PLANS TO MEET UP SOME-WHERE.

I WAS THINKING WE COULD HAVE...
...OUR MONTHLY DATE.

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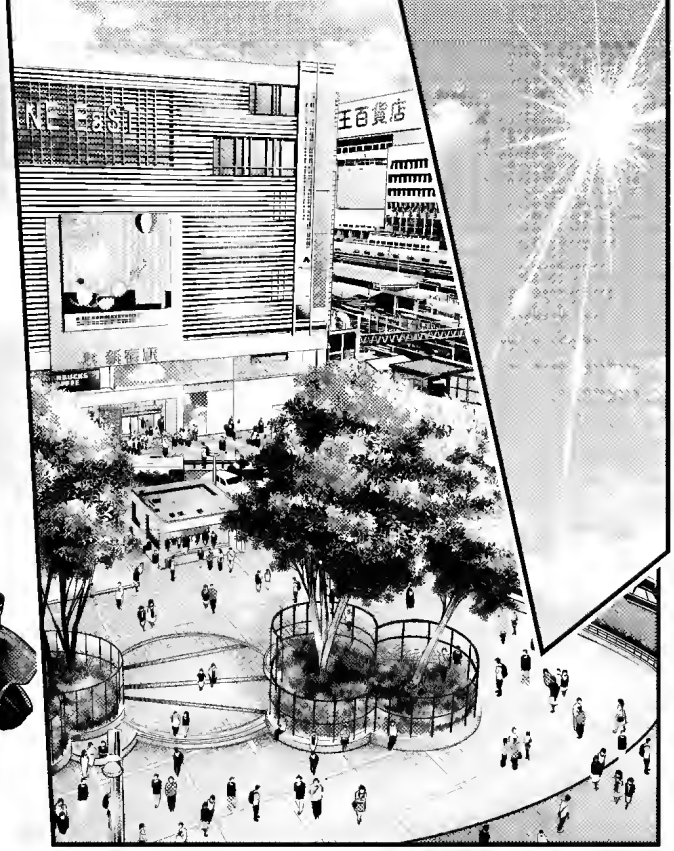


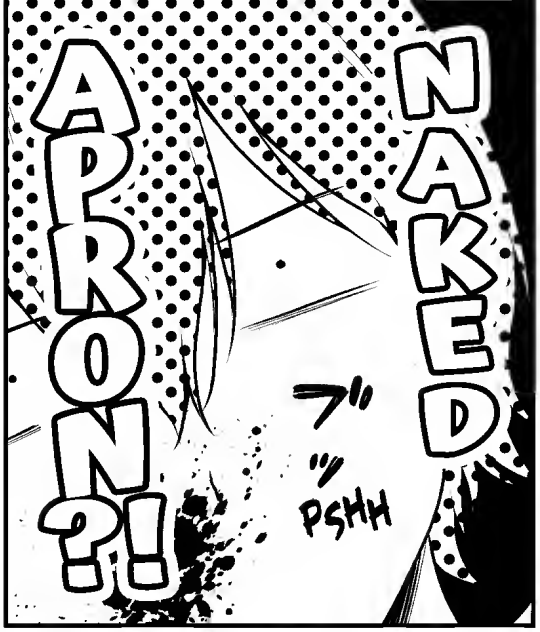
I'M STILL KINDA STRAPPED FOR CASH...
...BUT I THOUGHT UP A FUN DATE PLAN THAT SHOULDN'T BE TOO SPENDY.

AHH... IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
I FIGURED OUT WHAT DIRECTION I WANNA TAKE MY NEW STORY. THIS IS THE PERFECT DAY FOR A DATE.

I'M GONNA SAVOR EVERY SECOND OF THE ROMANTIC MOOD TODAY!
GRIP
NAT-SUO!

IT'S HOT TODAY.
YOU COULD'VE WAITED IN THE SHADE.
I WANTED TO BE EASY TO SPOT.
UH...
RUI SEEMS ...
WELL, SHALL WE?
...KINDA DIFFERENT TODAY.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
I THOUGHT WE COULD GO TO INOKASHIRA PARK FIRST.
...I KINDS FEEL LIKE...
...HANG-ING OUT AT YOUR PLACE TODAY.
THEY HAVE RENTAL BOATS THERE ...
THAT SOUNDS NICE, BUT...

I'M COOL WITH IT, IF YOU ARE...
I CAN MAKE SOME SIMPLE DISHES AGAIN.
WE CAN PICK UP SOME GROCERIES ON THE WAY.
HUH ...?
NO?
I'M GONNA GET CHANGED.
CAN YOU PUT THE MEAT AND STUFF IN THE FRIDGE?
LEMME OPEN THE WINDOW!
OOF, IT'S EVEN HOTTER IN HERE!
CHAK
CHAK
CHNK
CHANGE? DID SHE SWEAT THAT MUCH?
RSTL
RSTL
OH.
I GUESS SHE WANTS TO PUT ON SOMETHING MORE COMFORTABLE.
CHACK
PHEW... IT'S HOT OUT THERE...
FRUMP


NAKED APRON?!
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RUB
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HUH ?!
WHA ?!

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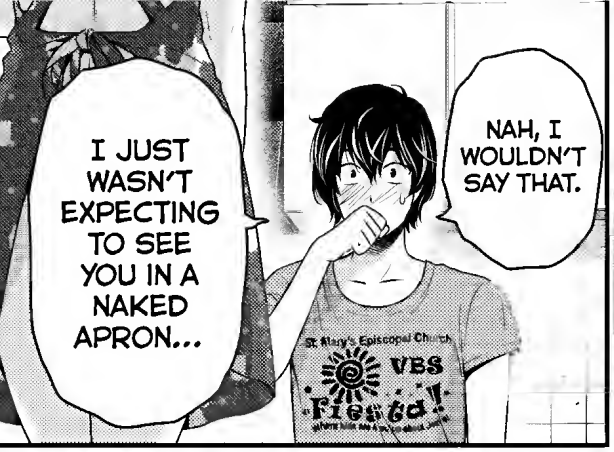
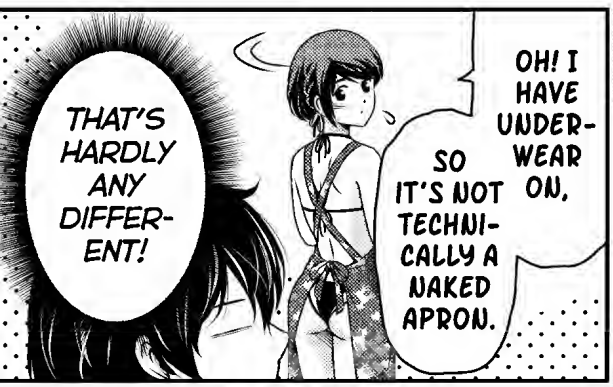
ER...
WHAT'S WITH THE OUTFIT ?





SIGN: DREAMLAND ENTRANCE

SURE, I'VE DREAMT AND FANTASIZED ABOUT THIS KINDA SITUATION A FEW TIMES...
...BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS. A "FANTASY."
FOR STARTERS, HOW CAN I BE SURE THIS ISN'T ANOTHER DREAM?

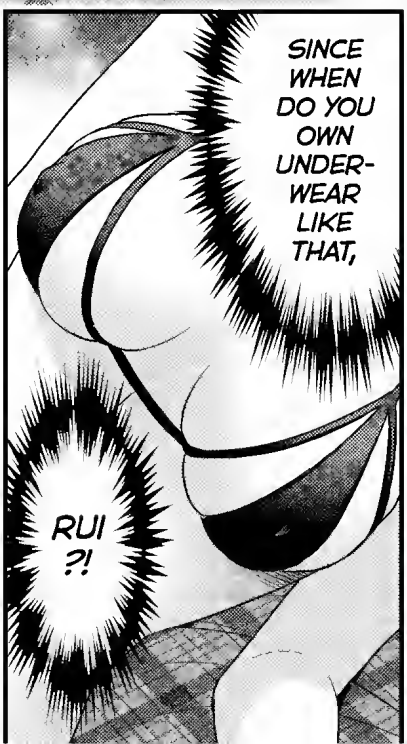
BUT ...
...I CAN TOUCH HER.
AND SHE SMELLS NICE, LIKE RUI.
SLIP
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
FEELS LIKE THE REAL THING, TOO...
N-
NAT...SUO!
I WAS JUST CHECK-ING TO SEE IF THIS WAS A DREAM.
A DREAM?
THAT'S FINE, BUT SAVE IT FOR AFTER WE EAT...

THWAP
RAIL
I GOT A BOX OF EGG-PLANTS. WANT SOME?!
HEEEY! YOU'RE BACK!
C'MON ...
LET'S EAT.
TOOK SOME
AHHH.
HERE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY USED TO USING JUST YOUR RIGHT HAND, HUH?
YEAH. I CAN AT LEAST HOLD THINGS DOWN WITH MY LEFT NOW.

AHH...
MM!
WELL?
MM. TASTY.
ゴクッ… GULP
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY AM I GETTING THE VIP TREATMENT?!
SHE'S CLEARLY ACTING WEIRD!
WHAT COULD BE GOING THROUGH HER HEAD?
IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE'S POSSESSED BY A SPIRIT OR SOMETHING...
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
I'LL CLEAN THE DISHES.
THANKS.
AHH. I'M STUFFED.
RUFL
アー…

I THINK I ATE TOO MUCH...
I'M GETTING SLEEPY.

IT STARTED WITH JUST A CUTE, KINDA SEXY OUTFIT, BUT SHE KEEPS CRANKING UP THE FAN SERVICE AS THE DAY GOES ON.
WAIT! THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.
AT THIS RATE, BY NIGHTTIME...


SINCE WHEN DO YOU OWN UNDERWEAR LIKE THAT,
RUI ?!

...!
VBS
Blessed

...I MIGHT END UP EATING SASHIMI...
...OFF HER NAKED BODY!
A WHOLE BOX?!
ER... CON-DOMS ?!
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HONESTLY, I KINDA WANNA SEE WHERE THIS GOES, BUT...
...!
GRAB

I KNOW I SAID I WANTED TO FOOL AROUND ON OUR MONTHLY DATE, TOO...
...BUT YOU JUST AREN'T ACTING LIKE YOURSELF!
WHAT'S GOING ON, RUI?!
YOU'RE ACTING WEIRD TODAY!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!
IF THERE'S A REASON YOU'RE DOING ALL THIS, THEN TELL ME!
NOT REALLY...
I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE IT IF I DID THIS.
HUH ...?
I TOLD MOMO ...
...WE WERE LIMITING OURSELVES TO ONE DATE A MONTH.
I GUESS THAT MADE HER REALLY WORRIED.
SHE THOUGHT WE MIGHT GET TOO LONELY AND START GROWING APART IF WE DID THAT.

SO, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MORTIFYING,
I BORROWED THIS UNDERWEAR FROM MOMO AND...
JEEZ...
...SO I GOT SCARED THAT YOU MIGHT NOT CARE ABOUT ME ANYMORE.
THEN I JUST GOT MORE AND MORE WORRIED.
YOU DIDN'T SEEM THAT EXCITED WHEN I BROUGHT UP OUR DATE...
THERE'S NO WAY I'D EVER STOP CARING ABOUT YOU!
YOU DUMMY!
IF ANYTHING, YOU HAD ME WORRIED!
MAN, I SWEAR...
...AND SO AMUSING!
THOSE KINDS OF TACTICS ARE HER FORTE, SO YOU SHOULDN'T USE HER AS A REFERENCE...
YEAH.
DID MOMO TELL YOU TO WEAR THOSE CLOTHES AND THE NAKED APRON, TOO?
THE HUMAN HEART IS SO FRUSTRATING, SO TEDIOUS...
To be continued.